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**Amendment Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 30, 2008, Applicants request entry of proposed amendments to claims 69 and 77.